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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO STATE  
PRESIDENT DIEDERICH

1. PLEASE RELAY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT  
CARTER TO STATE PRESIDENT DIEDERICH.
2. QUOTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTEN-  
ING MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES AS I ASSUME MY NEW RES-  
PONSIBILITIES AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
3. QUOTE YOU WAVE MY ASSURANCE THAT THE UNITED  
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STATES WILL CONTINUE IN ITS COMMITMENT TO WORLD  
PEACE AND THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION.

4. QUOTE I WANT TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP  
BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF YOUR COUNTRY AND OURS.  
SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE.

5. FYI: THIS MESSAGE IS IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE RECEIVED FOR PRESIDENT CARTER FROM PRESIDENT  
DIEDERICH: QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, IT IS MY PLEASANT  
TASK TO CONVEY TO YOU ON MY OWH BEHALF AND ON BEHALF

OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA OUR CONGRATULATIONS  
ON YOUR INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA. SOUTH AFRICA LOOKS FORWARD TO  
THE STRENGTHENING OF THE FRIENDSHIP RELATIONS BETWEEN  
OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND SINCERELY WISHES YOU EVERY  
SUCCESS IN YOUR QUEST FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO  
THE PROBLEMS THAT BESET MANKIND. I CAN ASSURE  
YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, OF SOUTH AFRICA'S CONTINUING  
WISH FOR FRUITFUL COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA. NICOLAAS DIEDERICH, STATE  
PRESIDENT. END QUOTE.

4. THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THIS  
EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF THE  
RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO.

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